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SUBJECT: SOVIET DIPLOMAT ASYLEE  
BRIEFING ON NOVEMBER 10 IN REGARD TO THE  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPLIED TO QUESTIONS DURING NOON /  
SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THE EMBASSY. THE  
TEXT OF THE SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS FOLLOWS:

Q. JOHN, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON A SOVIET DIPLOMAT  
DEFECTING IN VENEZUELA?

A. YES, I DO; AND IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO GIVE IT TO  
YOU. NOT MUCH.

WE CAN CONFIRM THAT A SOVIET DIPLOMAT APPLIED TO OUR  
EMBASSY IN CARACAS --

Q. WHEN?  
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A. -- FOR PERMISSION TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO  
RESIDE. HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED AND HE IS IN THE UNITED  
STATES.

NOW, I DON'T HAVE A GREAT MANY OTHER DETAILS.

Q. NAME?

A. I'M NOT ABLE TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

Q. HE'S IN THE U.S.?

A. YES.

Q. WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN, PLEASE?

A. I DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS, BERNIE. I THINK WITHIN THE LAST -- LET'S SEE. I WOULD SAY WITHIN THE LAST THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

Q. TWO OR THREE DAYS?

Q. YOU DON'T HAVE THE NAME?

A. I DON'T HAVE THE NAME HERE. I'M NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC OF BEING ABLE TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

Q. HAVE YOU GOT THE RANK?

Q. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

Q. THERE WAS A REPORT HE WAS A COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.  
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A. FRANCOIS, I'M REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO STAY VERY CLOSE TO WHAT I'VE GIVEN YOU. THE PROCESSING OF HIS CASE IS STILL UNDER WAY.

Q. THE WHAT OF THE CASE/

A. OF HIS CASE, OF HIS SITUATION.

I ANTICIPATE THAT WHEN THAT PROCESSING IS OVER HE WILL BE GRANTED STATUS AS A POLITICAL REFUGEE. I AM UNABLE TO GIVE YOU HIS NAME OR EXACTLY WHAT HIS DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT WAS IN CARACAS.

Q. IS HE IN WASHINGTON?

A. I DON'T KNOW, JUAN.

Q. WHY DID HE DEFECT?

A. I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT EITHER.

Q. ANOTHER SUBJECT?

A. ANY MORE ON THIS, ON THIS SUBJECT?

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION?

A. NO, I DON'T. VANCE

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